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AS USUAL

AROUND THE TOWN

Ten fine Herefordshire dairy cows, A.1. and fresh, at Sheldon's sale. See add next week.

Timothy seed on sale at east this week at C. C. Pearson's flour and feed store.

Alex Robertson, of Kansas, Alta has been gazetted a Justice of the Peace.

Fred Maugh and Fred Krogel of Sunnyslope were visitors to town on Wednesday.

Percy Ross, C. C. Ross and J. W. Ross of Trochu Valley visited Didsbury over Wednesday.

Farmers Notice—A meeting of special interest to farmers will be held at Didsbury on Monday, June 1st.

A bargain for horsemen. A fine Hamiltonian driver at Sheldon's sale, Wednesday, June 3rd, Craig and Sossman Auctioneers.
Lost—Between Didsbury and Neapolis, a Waltham gold watch and chain. Finder please leave at Pioneer office.

Special Meeting—Farmers attend this special meeting in Didsbury on Monday, June 1st, at 2 o'clock p.m. This is for your benefit.

W. Davies of Colfax, Wash., brother-in-law of Mr. Parker, Three Hills, is here on a visit and looking over the land with the intention of buying.

Are your glasses right? Vision changes as all things do. Consult Taube, Eye-sight Specialist at Chamber's Drug Store on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 26th and 27th.

Fallen Timber School District, west of Didsbury, has been empowered to borrow \$100 to build and equip a schoolhouse. Joseph Teynor, Elkton, is treasurer.

Notice—Members of Alberta Farmers Association are requested to attend a meeting in Didsbury on Monday June 1st, at 2 p.m. for special business.

All parties owing for colts to Baptist and Hart will please settle for same at once with J. Hart at the Alexandria Livery barn, who has taken over the books of the old firm.

A meeting of the teachers institute will be held at Didsbury on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 26th and 27th. All those interested are cordially invited to attend.

For Victoria Day the Canadian Pacific Railway Company announce a rate of fare and one third for the round trip. Ticket on sale May 22nd to May 25th, inclusive, final return limit May 27th.

Remember the date of S. L. Taube's visit to Didsbury, and if there is anything whatever wrong with your eyesight make it a point to consult him at Chamber's Drug Store, on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 26 and 27.

A lawn social is to be given on Wednesday, June 17th, at the residence of Rev. J. S. Ferguson by the Ladies Aid of the Presbyterian church. A supper and games are on the list of attractions. Watch for further announcement.

Another mock parliament will be held by the male members of the Presbyterian church on Tuesday, June 2nd. The last one that was held met with much success that it has been decided to repeat with a different subject, which, with the place of meeting will be announced next week.

A meeting of the football executive was held on Wednesday night at the Golden West sample rooms for the purpose of appointing a delegate to the convention which was held at Didsbury on Thursday afternoon. J. V. Berscht was elected delegate. It was also decided at this meeting that a game between the married and single men of the town should take place to-night.

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Mr. E. O. Wait and children returned from Ontario Monday last.

W. Roberts of Guelph, Ont. came up on a visit to his son Joe, Sunnyslope, on Saturday last.

J. D. E. Lowen has accepted a position with D. M. Stuart, at the Creamery at Neapolis.

First league football game on Monday afternoon between Didsbury and Carstairs at Didsbury.

There was no meeting of the School Board on Saturday night last.

Come in and list your land before our buyers get here.—The Central Alberta Land Co., of C. Hiebert, M.P.P., and D. McKinnon, Sunnyslope, were visitors to Edmonton on Tuesday on business.

Summers, being Victoria Day, May 24th, the holiday will be observed on Monday and all stores in town will be closed.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. H. Phillips entertained a few of their friends to a birthday party on Wednesday evening.

The road leading to the cemetery have been put in good shape. The sloughs have been filled up and the road otherwise improved.

A full communion set and altar linen has just been received by Rev. H. M. Store, for the laura of St. Thomas, Didsbury, from the branch of the W.A., the parish of St. Thomas, Ontario.

The Didsbury Manufacturing Co., shipped a large consignment of butter boxes to Lament on the C.N.R. this week. They are at present supplying 19 creameries with these boxes.

If you want a good 8 per cent. farm loan apply to the Central Alberta Land Co. They will make you a loan for a short term or they will make you a loan on the sinking fund system for a term of 10, 15 or 20 years.

The following subjects will be taken by the Rev. J. S. Ferguson at the services at the Presbyterian Church on Sunday next: 11 a.m. "Zephaniah and Isaiah." 7.30 "Confessions and Chimes."

You are careful in choosing your physician. Be just as careful in the choice of your optician. Consult S. L. Taube at Chamber's Drug Store on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 26th & 27th.

It is reported that parties are taking trees out of the park ground without permission from the town Council. Such permission must be obtained before this can be done as some of these trees will be needed in beautifying the park.

85 per cent of headaches are the result of eye-strain. Properly fitted glasses will give permanent relief. If you are troubled that way consult S. L. Taube at Chamber's Drug Store on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 26th and 27th.

J. E. H. Phillips and J. W. Jackson returned from their exploration trip on Sunday night last. They report encountering many hardships but feel that the trip had a good many advantages such as improved health, etc. and think of going again in the latter part of the summer.

The following players have been picked for the game of football to-night between the married and single men of the town and it is to be hoped that all will be present to help the game along: Single men—A. Spreeman, E. Breenberry, L. Spreeman, J. Elliott, C. Snyder, L. Martin, H. Gabel, E. Sexsmith, A. Brusso, L. Albleisch and N. Young. Married men—G. Gaudes, W. G. Liesemer, A. Studer, J. Lang, G. Liesemer, P. N. Ballard, H. W. Chambers, Jonathan Good, Sam Wood, J. V. Berscht, and Joe Stauffer.

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Chickens, live	0.08
Ducks, green	0.15
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Hay, upland	5.50
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H. E. OSMOND, EDITOR.

Current Comment.

The report of the Council meeting on Monday night last in another column does not stand to the credit of that body; not only for the small amount of work accomplished but because of the poor business methods shown in conducting the town's business. The people do not want an exhibition of petty feeling at these meetings, but they expect and have a right to expect, that the Council will conduct the business of the town as though it were their own private business.

The question of opening the blind line seems to be the main construction at present. There has always been an antagonistic feeling on this question between certain sections of the town, and we think that it is nearly time that this feeling should be overcome. We are getting out of the small village state and should look at these matters in a broader light.

There is no question in our mind as to the opening of the blind line, whether it is done now or at some future time. The more direct and easy approach we have to town for the benefit of our farmers, the better it is for the business men generally, because the farmers time is just as precious to him as it is to us, and the less wear and tear there is on his horses and vehicles so much more his gain. We understand that it would not cost more than \$500 to put this road into good shape, and while there is no money for this purpose at the present time we see no reason why this road should not be opened when the money is at hand.

Talking about opening up roads, we think that the Council should show a little more activity in the High Street crossing matter. On Monday night, through the long discussion over the money by-law, after the petition was presented, there was hardly any discussion on this question that interests at least a third or more of our population. The question as to whether a re-hearing or only a review of the case should be given is one which the Council has to decide. While a re-hearing of the matter might cost more and take a longer time before a decision was arrived at, we think that this would be the wisest course. We now have a solicitor who understands the matter from the beginning and there are several reasons why this crossing should be opened that could be laid before the Commission that were not given before. There is no doubt what ever but that this closed crossing is one of the greatest inconveniences that the town is suffering from, both to the residents of east Didsbury as well as to the business men who have a large amount of freight coming in every week and have to pay for the extra long haulage from these tracts to their places of business. This is a matter that the Council will do well to give their closest attention and best efforts to have settled.

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Immoral town Council granted the Board of Trade \$250 for their exhibit at the Dominion Fair.

Calgary has just succeeded in selling \$135,000 worth of 4 1/2 per cent. debentures at 92 1/2 to Messrs. G. A. Stimson & Co. of London, England.

Father Voss, is asking tenders for the erection of the new Roman Catholic Presbytery in North Red Deer. The plans contemplate a three storey brick building 36 x 36 - Red Deer Advocate.

A Hot Time.

The Council met on Monday night but for all the business that was transacted the Councilors might just as well have been at home watching their potatoes grow or mowing their lawns, in fact there has been no Council meeting held since Didsbury was incorporated when so little work has been accomplished.

Mayor Sexsmith was in the chair with Councillors Atkins, Smith and Shantz present on time and Councilors Liesemer and Hembling were marked on the slate as being late. Solicitor MacLeod and Clerk Ely were also present.

The Police Committee brought in a report suggesting that every household must have a fire proof tank or vault for keeping their ashes in and the scavenger will see to the emptying of same.

The report was received and is to be embodied in the scavenger by-law.

H. Morris was present and stated that he had been overtaxed on property in East Didsbury, to the extent of \$100, being taxed for three 100 ft. lots when there were only 50 feet.

The matter was left in the hands of the clerk to bring in a report at the next meeting.

Communications were received from L. P. Clement, S. Gohert, et al, complaining of too high assessment. Laid over.

Mr. L. Steckley presented a petition signed by a number of taxpayers, praying the Council to take up the matter of opening the High Street crossing with the Railway Commissioners as early as possible.

The Solicitor reported that he had received a communication upon the matter from the Commissioners in which they wanted to know if the Council wanted a re-hearing of the case or whether they review the case from the old evidence, as the former chairman of the Commission had declined the new chairman would have to take the matter up and either hear the case over again or review it from the old evidence.

The question was then discussed among the councillors being in favor of a re-hearing while others thought the old evidence would do, but as to coming to any decision in the matter, nothing was done.

The debenture by-law for raising funds for sidewalks and opening up streets and improving same, bobbled up and precipitated a battle royal and the consequence was nothing else was done all the evening.

The trouble seemed to be that some of the councillors thought that there was a loophole to spend some of the money on opening the blind line and they thought there should be a separate by-law for this purpose, while others took the view that the by-law did not mean anything of the kind as money would have to be expended in improving the C & E land on Heffeler Street and this had to be included in the by-law.

Mayor Sexsmith then came to the rescue and stated that he would like the Council to consider the fact that they had not been able to dispose of the other debentures and that he thought it was too much to expect the town to pay a high rate of interest for some years to come which would be the case supposing they had to sell these debentures at a low rate, as the debenture market was very poor just now.

This changed the subject of the debate for a while, but the Council eventually came back again to the old question and after a lot more wrangling Councillor Atkins and Smith moved that no improvements be made this year until debts are paid.

This stopped all discussion on the point, but some of the councillors are wondering where they are going to get off with improvements that are absolutely necessary. It is likely that the whole question will be taken up again.

The Council then adjourned.

Immoral will see all back taxes in June.

Ledue will soon have a brick manufacturing plant. Mr. Warner, a brick maker from Toronto is going to install the plant.

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DIDSBURY

The Prisoner of Zenda

By ANTHONY HOPE

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mitted, but said nothing. She returned to her seat. For a few moments we sat in silence. The noise outside subsided, but I heard the tread of feet in the anteroom. I began to talk on general subjects. This went on for some minutes. I wondered what had become of Michael. It did not seem to be for me to interfere. All at once, to my great surprise, Flavia, clasping her hands, asked in a suppressed voice:

"Are you wise to make him angry?"

"What? Who? How am I making him angry?"

"Why, by keeping him waiting."

"My dear cousin, I don't want to keep him!"

"Well, then, is he to come in?"

"Of course, if you wish it."

"How funny you are!" she said. "Of course no one could be answered while I was with you."

Here was a charming attribute of royalty.

"An excellent etiquette!" I cried.

"But I had clean forgotten it, and if I were alone with some one else couldst you be so unkind?"

"You know as well as I do. I could be, because I am of the blood!" And she still looked puzzled.

"I never could understand all these silly rules," said I rather feebly as I inwardly cursed Fritz for not posting me up. "But I'll repeat my fault."

I jumped up, then, and asked to be advanced into the anteroom. Michael was sitting at a table, a heavy frown on his face. Every one else was standing, save that impudent young dog Fritz, who was lounging easily in an armchair and flirting with the Countess Helga.

He looked up as I entered with a deferential elasticity that left point to his former nonchalance. I had no difficulty in understanding that the duke might not like young Fritz.

I held out my hand. Michael took it, and embraced him. Then I drew him with me into the inner room.

"Now, Fritz," said I, "if I had known you were here you should not have waited a moment before asking to be princess to permit me to bring you to her."

He thanked me, but coldly. The man had many qualities, but he could not hide his feelings. A mere stranger could have seen that he hated me and hated worse to see me with Princess Flavia. Yet I am persuaded that he tried to conceal both feelings and, further, that he tried to persuade me that he believed I was really the king. I did not know, of course, but unless the king were an impostor, at once cleverer and more audacious than I, and I began to see, as I said, I was self in that role. Michael could not believe that. And if he didn't, how he must have loathed paying me deference and hearing my "Michael" and my "Flavia."

"Your hand is hurt, sire," he observed, with concern.

"Yes, I was playing a game with a monster dog (I meant to stir him, and you know, brother, such uncertain terrors) on me for a moment."

He smiled sourly, and his dark eyes rested on me for a moment.

"Is there no danger from the bite?" cried Flavia anxiously.

"None from this," said I. "If I gave him a chance to bite deeper, it would be different, cousin."

"But surely he has been destroyed?" said she.

"Not yet. We're waiting to see if his bite is harmful."

"And if it is?" asked Michael, with his sour smile.

"He'll be knocked on the head, brother," said I.

"You won't play with him any more?" urged Flavia.

"Perhaps I shall."

"He might bite again."

"Doubtless he'll try," said I, smiling.

Then, fearing Michael would say something which I must appear to resent for, though I might show him my hate, I must seem to be in his favor, I began to compliment him on the magnificent condition of his regiment and of his loyal greeting to me on the day of my coronation. This I intended to a rapturous description of the shooting lodge which he had lent me. His temper was falling, but, as I expected, he reached the door he stopped, saying:

"Three friends of mine are very anxious to have the honor of being presented to you, sire. They're waiting in the antechamber."

I joined him directly, passing my arm through his. The look on his face was money to me. We entered the antechamber in fraternal fashion. Michael beckoned, and three men came forward.

"These gentlemen," said Michael, "with a stately courtesy which, to do him justice, he could assume with perfect grace and ease, 'are the loyal and most devoted of your majesty's servants and are of my very faithful and attached friends.'"

"On the last ground as much as the first," said I, "I am very pleased to see them."

"They came one by one and kissed my hand—De Gautier, a tall, lean fellow, with hair standing straight up and waxed moustache; Bersonin, the Belgian, a portly man of middle height with a bald head, though he was not far past thirty, and last, the English-

the castle with horse, foot and artillery."

"And drag the most?" I asked.

"That would be about it," grinned Sapt, "and we shouldn't bid the king's body then."

"You think it's certain he's there?"

"Very probable. Besides the fact of those three being there, the drawbridge is kept up and no one goes in without an order from your majesty or Black Michael himself. We must be Fritz up."

"I'll go to Zenda," said I.

"Hold on a moment," said I.

"That may be, my friend," said I carefully.

"His majesty looks sickly," observed Sapt. "How's the love affair?"

"I don't know," I said.

He looked at me for a moment. Then he hit his pipe. It was quite true that I was in a bad temper, and I went on down.

"Wherever I go I'm dogged by half a dozen fellows."

"I know you are. I send 'em," he replied composedly.

"What for?"

"Well," said Sapt, puffing away, "it wouldn't be exactly inconvenient for Black Michael if you disappeared. With you gone the old game that we stopped would be played—or he'd have a shot at it."

"You take care of yourself."

"De Gautier, Bersonin and Detchard are in Strossau, and any one of them, I'd warrant, could out-thrust me as readily as I could out-thrust Black Michael's pet—a deal more treacherously. What's the matter?"

"I opened it and read it aloud!"

"If the king doesn't know what it says, it's a pity. It's a pity that it should be so long before it gets to him."

"The king enters alone, and he is alone. The house has a portrait, with a statue of a man in it. A wall in the garden. There is a gate in the wall at the back. At 11 o'clock tonight, the king will enter alone, and he will be alone. If he neglects the invitation to this to no one, or he will ruin a woman who loves him—Black Michael does not like to see a woman who loves him."

"No," observed Sapt as I ended, "but he can dictate a very pretty letter."

"To be continued."

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"His majesty looks sickly," observed Sapt. "How's the love affair?"

"I don't know," I said.

He looked at me for a moment. Then he hit his pipe. It was quite true that I was in a bad temper, and I went on down.

"Wherever I go I'm dogged by half a dozen fellows."

"I know you are. I send 'em," he replied composedly.

"What for?"

"Well," said Sapt, puffing away, "it wouldn't be exactly inconvenient for Black Michael if you disappeared. With you gone the old game that we stopped would be played—or he'd have a shot at it."

"You take care of yourself."

"De Gautier, Bersonin and Detchard are in Strossau, and any one of them, I'd warrant, could out-thrust me as readily as I could out-thrust Black Michael's pet—a deal more treacherously. What's the matter?"

"I opened it and read it aloud!"

"If the king doesn't know what it says, it's a pity. It's a pity that it should be so long before it gets to him."

"The king enters alone, and he is alone. The house has a portrait, with a statue of a man in it. A wall in the garden. There is a gate in the wall at the back. At 11 o'clock tonight, the king will enter alone, and he will be alone. If he neglects the invitation to this to no one, or he will ruin a woman who loves him—Black Michael does not like to see a woman who loves him."

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LITERARY BULLS.

For instance, the "Groat That Gurgles From the Blain."

Macaulay once reviewed a poem in which a climax of absurdity was reached with this line:

And heard each groan that gurgles from the slain.

The poetical license which lets a groan gurgles from a slain man is capable of letting him walk into town from the field of battle, collect the amount of his life insurance policy and hand it to his widow. It brings to mind the heroic warrior of whom it is said that "thrice he slew the slain" and the Irish member of parliament who convulsed the house of commons by exclaiming that he would die as a soldier and a man afterward.

But strange to say, Macaulay himself has made a similar blunder. In his "Battle of Lake Inaguchi" the following lines occur:

The shouting of the slayers And screeching of the slain.

Did these writers make these slips in the heat of battle or were they testing the intellectual acuteness of their readers? There is a story of a German schoolmaster who used to call out his class in history and begin to tell them of the Thirty Years' war. "Yes, children," he would say, "this is a subject in which I am especially interested, as my grandfather often told me about it. He was a well-to-do innkeeper, and one day as he was standing in his back garden, a military horse came galloping up at a furious rate. 'What's the matter?' asked my grandfather. 'Matter enough,' answered the dragoon. 'I have just been ordered to march. The Thirty Year war has begun today.' At this point the ancient pedagogue would pause and survey his class. Then a smile would break over his face, and he would say: 'The war was raised and a boyish treble asked how the dragoon knew the war would last thirty years. Perhaps our poet has been misled by the schoolmaster and smile if we should ask them how it is possible for the slain to groan or screech.'—George Selous in Pittsburgh Gazette-Times.

THE STUPID SWAN.

Graceful and Beautiful, the Bird is a Nonsensical.

To the mind of the average farmer nothing walks on two legs is so stupid as a hen. He is mistaken, though, for there still remains that beautiful, graceful animal, the common swan.

The swan is so stupid that it will stand in the snow and let a pond of water freeze the water freeze round its legs on the ice is so thick that it cannot lift its feet and it is stuck fast. It is a bird of the water, and these handsome but witless birds are compelled to chop away sufficient ice to make it possible for them to withdraw their impregnable feet.

The stupidity of the swan in this respect is emphasized by the intelligence exhibited by ornamental ducks when the weather turns cold. Round and round they go during the night, keeping all the water within that circle free from ice, so that when the sun comes they can float about and doze in the sun. Ducks are always most active during the night and choose the day for sleeping.

He that is a fisherman. If you find one of these birds some distance from the water and startle it, the swan will rush a few feet toward the pond and then sit down on the ground and try to go through the motions of swimming, apparently unable in its fright to realize that it has not yet reached the water.

Neither is the common swan a good fighter. The black swan, although one-half its size, is invariably the victor in the combats which are sometimes engaged in and generally kills its antagonist. The black swan usually provokes the fight, too, for it is rather a quarrelsome bird.—Washington Star.

Do Fish Feel Pain?

How sensitive to pain are fish? A correspondent writes: "I have a small pond which is stocked with trout. I keep an accurate account of those I catch and note when I lose any. One morning a big rainbow trout broke the worm hook with which I had hooked him. That evening I hooked and landed a good trout, also with worm bait, which proved to be my friend of the morning, as right down in his stomach was the broken gut and hook, and, besides, the trout was very fresh."

My fish book, according to my fish book, must have been there many weeks. A fish with a fly hook in its mouth, a worm hook in its stomach and ready to pull down bait must be quite impervious to what we mortals call pain."

Keep Leaping.

"Why do they call it leap year any boy?"

"Because the men are kept on the jump dodging the dear old girl, I guess."—Kansas City Times.

The Main Point.

"He's calling, I believe, is that of a lawyer."

"Yes, but how does he answer?"—Metropolis Journal.

KING'S CLOTHES ON TRAVEL.

His Outfit Must Be Ready For All Emergencies.

King Edward recently started out on his travels, and this brings to mind the fact that when His Majesty is about to undertake a journey, he is very particular about it.

Foreign potentates are amazingly particular concerning sartorial etiquette.

In this matter many an easy going and simple-minded monarch has remained quite medieval in his notions of what it due to him. That is the reason why each royal personage is compelled to have such an amazing large wardrobe, especially so complete and costly a collection of uniforms, and, of course, in many cases the question of "What shall I wear?" abroad is settled for royalty by the Draconian laws of international etiquette.

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